

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 20, 21 and 37 have been amended. Claim 38 has been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-37, 39, and 40 are now presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. §112 Objection,

The Examiner has objected to Claim 20 due to various informalities. The Examiner's suggestions are adopted in the amendments above. Accordingly Claims 20-23 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-19, 24-36, and 38-39 would be allowable. Claims 1-19, and 214-36 remain in the application. Claim 37 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 38. Accordingly, Claim 37 and 39-40 which depend therefrom are believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

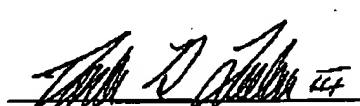
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Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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